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PA272010 Quito Cadena Ecuador Radio in Spanish 2300 GMT 27 Feb 82

[Text] According to an OLADE report, Latin America has 780 billion barrels of oil. The report notes that Mexico, Venezuela and Brazil have the largest deposits. Mexico and Venezuela have 89 percent of the oil reserves and, together with Argentina, 80 percent of the [words indistinct].

According to the report, oil represents the largest volume of Latin American imports -- 92 percent -- and of exports -- 97.7 percent.

The report said that this crude provides more than 50 percent of the region's primary energy.

CHILE REJECTS PERUVIAN COPPER PRICE PROPOSAL

PY272139 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 1952 GMT 27 Feb 82

[Text] Santiago, Chile, 27 Feb (LATIN-REUTER) -- The Chilean Copper Commission has rejected a Peruvian suggestion to conclude an agreement between the two countries to increase the price of copper. A statement released by the commission today said that an action of this type would hamper the development of the mining sector of the member-countries of the Intergovernment Council of Copper Exporting Countries (CIPEC) to which Chile and Peru belong together with Zambia, Zaire, Australia, Mauritania, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

Celso Pastor Torres, former Peruvian ambassador to the United States, urged Chile and Peru in Washington on Thursday to jointly defend the copper price on the international markets.

Today's statement said that it would be impossible to implement a long-term agreement, because copper is very abundant and very widespread geographically.

Peru and Chile, two of the largest copper exporters of the world, have a total share of 15 percent in the production.

BRIEFS

BOLIVIAN-PERUVIAN ENTERPRISES -- Under the auspices of the Andean Development Corporation [CAF], representatives of the Peruvian and Bolivian Governments yesterday implemented a plan to create binational enterprises in border areas between the two countries. The ceremony took place at the Foreign Ministry with the participation of a high-level Peruvian delegation and Bolivian Foreign Minister Gonzalo Romero. Former Bolivian Minister of Planning and Coordination Fernando Salazar participated as CAF special representative. [La Paz Cadena Panamericana in Spanish 1130 GMT 26 Feb 82 PY]

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[San Jose declaration issued by the Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production in Costa Rica on 19 February 1982 -- capitalization denotes uppercase as published]

[Text] The National Central American branches of the Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production (IACCP) presented the following considerations to the Latin American businessmen who met in San Jose for a special IACCP meeting:

1. During the past few decades, Central America has achieved within its relative development evident economic and social progress. This progress was boosted to a great extent by the personal effort and tenacity of thousands of Central American businessmen who gave so much that it multiplied the effect on employment, salaries and well-being.

2. Therefore, it is not right to blame the region's political agitation and violence solely on internal economic factors. Subversion and terrorism have foreign roots. They are promoted by the communist regimes of the Soviet Union and Cuba that are trying to destabilize the region for ideological reasons.

3. Some international pressure groups and news media are also responsible for this situation. They misinform the international public, in good or bad faith, and distort the Central American situation. These groups are contributing with their rhetoric and falsehoods to subject more than 20 million Central Americans to dictatorships and permanent poverty.

4. The Central American problem is not an isolated case of a single region of the continent but just another setting for the conflict between totalitarianism and freedom.

5. The Central American nations have -- just as any other single independent nation -- the inalienable right to solve their political and social problems through a path of freedom and democracy. This has always been the ideal of the great Latin American project and the dream of our forefathers. It is also our dream. Peace and prosperity have always been a result of individual freedom; they have never stemmed from absolute solutions or the intervention of the states in the people's economic lives.

Therefore:

A. The Central American businessmen issue a call to all the governments of the continent to undertake the necessary political action to support the efforts of the men who are struggling for a system of life in which the basic individual rights are respected.

B. They also urge the businessmen of this continent to remain vigilant and solidarity with the peoples of Central America who are torn apart by the scourge of Marxist totalitarianism.

The special IACCP meeting heard with deep concern the explanations of its national branches and, based on this, the businessmen of this continent:

EXPRESS their profound and sincere faith in democracy as a system of life that goes beyond political guidelines since it involves guarantees, rights and behaviors that are in line with man's most valued aspirations in his battles throughout the centuries to uphold dignity and freedom within the economic, social and political structures that characterize a pluralist society.

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SAUDI PLANNING MINISTER ARRIVES ON OFFICIAL VISIT

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[Text] Buenos Aires, 13 Mar (TELAM) -- Saudi Planning Minister Hisham Muhyi ad-Din Nazir arrived here this afternoon on a 4-day official visit. He was declared guest of honor by the Argentine Government and will be received by President Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri on Monday. At Ezeiza International Airport the Saudi minister was met by Planning Secretary Brig Gen Jose Miret who welcomed him on behalf of the government. Miret said: In an increasingly interdependent world where distance is no longer an obstacle, the Argentine Government attaches great significance to your visit because we are certain that it will be instrumental in strengthening our already firm bilateral relations and in consolidating our ties of friendship and cooperation. Miret added: This is why the Argentine Government has declared you guest of honor and I am happy to present to you the respective document and to convey to you special greetings from the president of the nation and our desire for a happy stay.

In expressing thanks, the Saudi minister said: I want to convey to the people and government of Argentina the good wishes of the king and people of the Saudi Kingdom. I want to state that this visit will mark another stage in the series of visits between officials of the two countries to consolidate their political and economic relations. The Saudi Kingdom seeks to take advantage of the Argentine experience in the economic field.

In reply to newsmen, Minister Nazir said that he will brief Argentine Government officials on the development level sought by his country and will also find out about possibilities existing in Argentina. He added: Trade between the two countries is still small and we believe it will be to their mutual benefit to intensify it. Many fields in Saudi Arabia are in a developing stage and perhaps there will be interest in Argentina in contributing with other countries to developing those fields. Asked if he had specific investment plans, the minister said he did not have any. He said: I have not brought a specific proposal. The Saudi minister is accompanied by his wife, (Amira Badawi), and by an official entourage consisting of high-ranking officials of the Saudi Planning Ministry. Minister Nazir, who will stay in the country until Wednesday, will hold talks and work meetings with Brigadier General Miret, will exchange views with other high-ranking government officials and will be received in a special audience on Monday by President Galtieri.

ENDERS' BRIEF VISIT CLAIMED 'SIGNIFICANT'

PY160040 Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish 10 Mar 82 p 6

[Editorial: "Results of Enders' Visit"]

[Text] Although brief, the visit that U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Thomas Enders paid to our country as part of a tour through other countries in the region was quite significant. This is so because of the rank of the visitor and because of the undeniably important issues that were discussed with high-ranking government officials. It is obvious that all important issues were reviewed in these meetings. Therefore, it is hoped that there were more points of agreement than disagreement.

The good relations between the two countries cannot be affected by disagreements because it would be unreal to contend that the political policies or behavior of a country should be the exact copy to the other. The two countries have their own problems for which they are trying to find solutions, but they also have common problems for which shared solutions should be found. There are also bilateral matters. Ways should be found to balance out claims and concessions in bilateral matters.

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PERONIST MEETING WITH GALTIERI NOT OFFICIAL

PY151545 Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish 13 Mar 82 p 4

[Text] Justicialist Party Vice President Deolindo Felipe Bittel has said that there are now better conditions for holding talks with the government. He said: "It is not a problem of the dialogue becoming more fluid but that our counterparts listen and take into account what they are told. It must not be a dialogue among the deaf."

Bittel made these remarks when discussing the meeting held by President Galtieri with a group of politicians and union leaders who belong to the movement for the justicialist doctrinaire reaffirmation led by Raul Matera.

He noted that the presence of leaders of that group at the office of the army commander in chief was not officially approved by the Peronist sector. He said: "It was a personal decision. I do not believe either Matera or those who went with him may claim to represent the Peronist movement. While no one will deny that they are Peronists, they did not officially represent Peronism in those talks."

After stating that if proposals made by civilians went unheeded by the government then dialogue will become meaningless, Bittel said that all sectors are demanding a change in the economic policy.

He then discussed the visit of former Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez and rumors that Peronism might become "a branch" of social democracy. He said: "That is a totally mistaken view."

He added: "Peronism is a national party. It has neither connections nor does it follow the line of any international power organization. Peronism does not adhere to social democracy. Although on the domestic front Peronism maintains good relations with all political organizations, it is not at all subordinate to any international organization."

About the report that Mrs Maria Estela Martinez de Peron might request authorization to run as a candidate, Bittel said: "I do not know about Mrs Peron's ideas. It must not be forgotten that since her trip to Spain and even during her unjust imprisonment she has not made any political remarks. In Spain she said that politics should be done here." He added that he understood that justicialist sectors were not considering the idea of putting forward the candidacy of the former president. He said: "To propose something of that nature one must first have her consent. This is a sign of respect for her rank and of consideration of her. One cannot use her name without her express consent."

Commenting on the mobilization ordered by the Multiparty Group and the General Labor Confederation, Bittel said that everything is going to work out fine.

FURTHER ON CNT-20 'MOBILIZATION' DECISION

PY162036 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 0406 GMT 11 Mar 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 11 Mar (NA) -- The Intersectorial National Workers Committee, CNT-20, decided today to mobilize all its organizations throughout the country to "establish positions and future actions." The board of the organization, which represents the most important Argentine unions, justified this decision on the need "to answer at the proper time and in the proper manner" those resolutions that the military government has adopted concerning demands made by the CNT-20 in a statement that was submitted yesterday to Labor Minister Julio Porcile.

In a statement issued tonight, it was noted that this decision will be upheld "until the decision-making sector complies with the economic, social, and political demands" made by the labor group.

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Argentines Provisioned

PY261920 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1411 GMT 26 Mar 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 26 Mar (NA) -- The Argentine Government reportedly ordered the landing of provisions on Saint Peter Island of the South Georgia Islands, to supply the group of Argentine citizens who have been there since Sunday, while the British Government has reportedly authorized the use of force to evict them. According to an EFE report from London, the Argentine Embassy [as received] has ordered the landing of provisions on that island to supply the Argentine citizens who arrived on Sunday, citing London officials. EFE also reports that the British Navy ship Endurance is near the island with 12 marines, awaiting orders from the admiralty.

An ANSA cable from London also reports that the British Government has authorized the use of force -- as the ultimate resort -- in case the Argentine citizens refuse to leave the island, according to a report by the DAILY TELEGRAPH. ANSA added that this newspaper also reported that Great Britain had asked Argentina to withdraw the group of scrap traders before the operation is carried out by the British Navy.

Issue Serious

PY270207 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 0110 GMT 27 Mar 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 27 Mar (NA) -- Foreign Minister Costa Mendez stated here tonight that the situation in the South Georgia Islands "is a serious issue over which we are concerned, and the republic is willing to grant the workers on Leigh Island all the necessary diplomatic protection and guarantees." Costa Mendez made these statements in the press room of San Martin Palace when he returned from the meeting held by the military committee to which he was summoned to report.

Warship Sent to Area

PY270159 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 0145 GMT 27 Mar 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 26 Mar (NA) -- Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez tonight reported that the government has ordered the navy warship Bahia Paraiso to go to the area of the South Georgia Islands. Costa Mendez made this announcement when he gave details of the meeting being held tonight by the military committee in the Libertador building, Army Headquarters.

President Makes No Decision

PY272012 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 0352 GMT 27 Mar 82

[Text] Buenos Aires, 26 Mar (NA) -- President Leopoldo Galtieri affirmed tonight that the military committee had analyzed "the present problem with Great Britain and the events at the South Georgia Islands and the Malvinas Islands."

In an improvised conversation with journalists assigned to the Casa Rosada, where he returned after midnight following a prolonged meeting of the military committee in the Libertador building, the president also referred to a report made to that organization by Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez.

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